



CALIFORNIA CORRECTIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES

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I. POLICY

California Correctional Health Care Services (CCHCS) shall engage in nursing care and practice pursuant to the California Nurse Practice Act; California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22; Joint Commission standards; American Nurses Association standards; and other regulatory agencies and professional standards. CCHCS' philosophy of nursing practice shall adhere to the following principles:

- All patients have individual worth and uniqueness. All patients have a right to dignity, respect, confidentiality, and participation in matters regarding their health care.
- The focus of nursing is patient-centered and the practice of nursing reflects the biological, psychological, emotional, and spiritual well-being of the patient.
- Quality patient care can best be achieved when the patient is well-informed concerning his/her health and actively participates in his/her plan of care.
- The practice of nursing requires interdisciplinary cooperation and collaboration to meet the diverse health care needs of CCHCS patients.
- Nursing professionals have an obligation to contribute to the growth and development of the nursing profession at large and at CCHCS.

II. PURPOSE

To define the scope of nursing services for CCHCS and to ensure CCHCS nursing practice aligns with the accepted standards of community and patient care and a proven philosophy of nursing practice.

III. DEFINITIONS

Nursing Care: Nursing care is delivered to patients within the frame work of the Complete Care Model in the correctional setting and delegated by licensed Registered Nurses (RN) to patients at CCHCS. Nursing care is the result of the nursing process and is directed toward assisting the patient to maintain or regain a maximum level of health, accept reduced capabilities, or cope with terminal illness and death.

Nursing Practice: The practice of nursing is defined as treatment of human response to health problems, through utilization of the nursing process. The performance of these acts requires specialized knowledge, judgment and skills based upon principles of psychological, social, physical and biological sciences and utilization of the nursing process. Nursing is both an art and a science.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES

The Statewide Chief Nurse Executive (CNE) is responsible for statewide implementation, of this policy, and the regional and institutional CNEs are responsible for the local implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of this policy at their assigned institution(s).

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V. REFERENCES

- California Business and Professions Code, Division 2, Chapter 5.4 Section 2544
- California Business and Professions Code, Division 2, Chapter 5, Article 3, Sections 2069-2071
- California Business and Professions Code, Division 2, Chapter 6, Sections 2700-2837
- California Health and Safety Code, Division 2, Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 1204
- California Health and Safety Code, Division 2, Chapter 2, Article 9, Sections 1337-1338.5
- California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Division 25, Chapters 1 and 2
- California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 3, Health Care Services
- Joint Commission Standards MM.04.01.01
- California Board of Registered Nursing Position Paper # NPR-B-12 11/93; Rev 02/00, “*RN Supervision of Medical Assistant*”
- American Nurses Association, Correctional Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice, 2nd Ed; Silver Spring, MD., 2013